

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10  
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0336  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PEPR PGOV CH XC  
SUBJ: OFFICE OF OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS ESTABLISHED

THE APRIL 6 PEOPLE'S DAILY REVEALED THE EXISTENCE OF A  
STATE COUNCIL OFFICE OF OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS IN AN  
ARTICLE DISCUSSING PRC POLICY TOWARD THE OVERSEAS  
CHINESE QUESTION. HERETOFORE, THE CHINESE HAVE NOT  
PUBLICLY ADMITTED THAT SUCH AN OFFICE EXISTED SINCE  
THE ABOLITION OF THE OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
IN 1967. THE NCNA ARTICLE, AN INTERVIEW WITH A "LEADING  
MEMBER" OF THAT OFFICE, SEEMS DESIGNED TO ALLAY THE  
FEARS OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS ABOUT CHINESE POLICY  
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AND THE PLANNED NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OVERSEAS  
CHINESE. THE "LEADING MEMBER" REPEATS CHAIRMAN  
HUA KUO-FENG'S STATEMENT TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED  
FIFTH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS THAT CHINESE CITIZENS  
OVERSEAS SHOULD ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY IN  
WHICH THEY RESIDE AND STATES IT WAS THE "GANG OF FOUR"  
WHO MADE UP "A LOT OF ABSURDITIES ABOUT 'OVERSEAS

CONNECTIONS:"

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